

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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~~ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE~~

A method is disclosed for creating ~~providing~~ a pictorial cancellation mark that may be applied to ~~the postage indicia on~~ a mailpiece. The pictorial cancellation originates as a digital image that is then printed through a printer on the mailpiece, such as by application to the postal indicia on the mailpiece. This invention takes advantage of the technology now available in digital printing techniques to vary the pictorial cancellation through a variety of color, sizes, shapes, and images. Pictorial cancellations may thus be individualized for markets, applications, and unique purposes.